

1. A Heart for the 'lost'

a. Read Acts 1 v 7-8



2. A Heart for the needy

a. Read Matthew 25 v 31-46



3. A heart for God

a. Read Philippians 3 v 12-14 and v 17-21



4. A Heart for each other

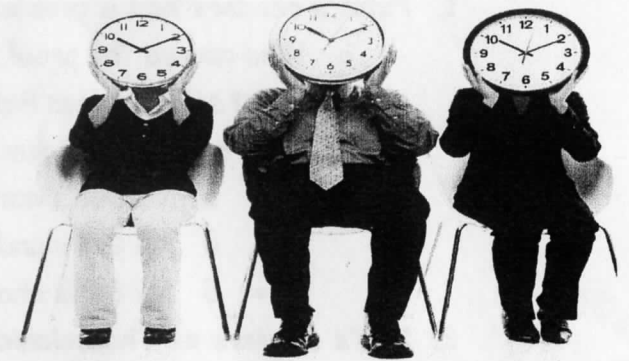
a. Read Philippians 2 v 1-11



Now turn your thoughts in to prayers.

Living between the two comings (Three)

Studies for Advent



- ❖ You might like to share with others some of your experiences of waiting. What or who were you waiting for? Did your feeling and emotions change the longer you had to wait? Was the wait worth it?
- ❖ What do you find is the hardest thing about waiting?
 - Doubting the word of a loved one?
 - A sense of idleness and wasting time?
 - An unfulfilled longing?
 - Fear?
 - Or what?

QUESTIONS QUESTIONS QUESTIONS...



1. Where is He?

Some early Christians had problems waiting for Christ's return.

1. Peter's readers had a problem. See 2 Peter 3 v 3-10

- Who caused the problem?
- What solution does Peter offer his readers when he reminds them of?
 - □ V5 God's word
 - □ V8 God's understanding of time
 - □ V9 God's character and purpose.

2. Paul's readers at Thessalonica had a problem.1

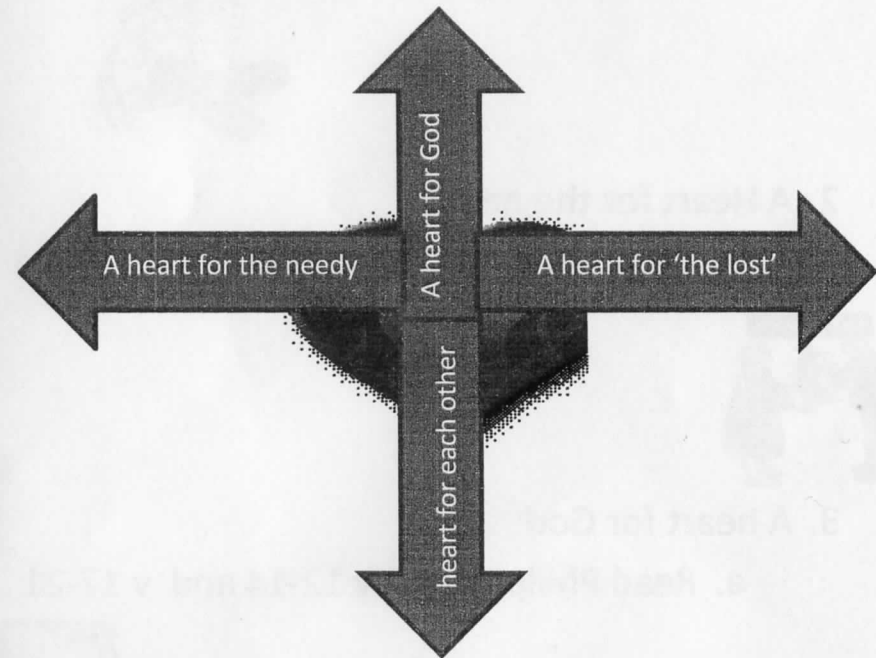
Thessalonians 5 v 1-3.

- Look at 1 Thess 5 v 14. and 1 Thess 3 v 3 How did some show that they were confident that Christ's return was imminent?
- What pastoral help did Paul offer those troubled by the delay in Christ's return?

2. How should we live while we await Christ's return?

'The hope of Christ's return is not a dogma to tickle our brains, but a fact to change our lives. Whenever the Bible

speaks about Christ's second coming, its purpose is always to challenge us to action." (Stephen Travis)



- ❖ Read some of the following passages (one at a time).
- ❖ Invite members of the group to take one of the following words and to frame a question for discussion and see where it leads you.

WHY?

WHEN?

WHO?

WHERE?

HOW?

WHAT?